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USAID HUMANITARIAN AND EMERGENCY PROGRAMS

Summary: Since the outbreak of the “Intifada” in October 2000, USAID has adopted a two-track approach in response to rapidly changing conditions within Palestinian areas: I) humanitarian and emergency assistance activities to address deteriorating social and economic conditions of Palestinians; II) sustaining robust medium and long term development activities, with an emphasis on supporting Palestinian reforms. This Fact Sheet focuses on USAID’s humanitarian and emergency programming.

To date, USAID has obligated more than \$178 million to support humanitarian assistance programs in the health, water, food security, and relief sectors, and to support emergency programs in job creation, private sector support, municipal infrastructure repair, and community services. USAID anticipates contributing more than \$50 million in additional funds to humanitarian and emergency assistance during the remainder of FY03. In addition, USAID intends to continue to support assessments related to health and nutritional needs.

Humanitarian Assistance Programs to Support Basic Social Needs (\$71.90 million)

- *Food Aid and Basic Relief:* support to World Food Program (WFP) and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Emergency Appeals, \$5.3 million.
- *Health and Medicines:* support for psychosocial activities, supply of medical equipment and materials, training in emergency care management, health information coordination, procurement of pharmaceuticals and vaccines, \$29 million.
- *Water:* support for village and municipal water repair, \$5.6 million.
- *Relief:* support to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) 2002 Emergency Appeal, \$32 million.

Emergency Response Programs to Support Basic Economic Needs (\$106.60 million)

- *Employment:* support to USPVOs and United Nations Development Program (UNDP) job creation programs, \$72 million.
- *Private Sector:* support to microcredit, enterprise revitalization, emergency loan, internship, and repair programs, \$10.16 million.
- *Community Services:* support to US and Palestinian NGOs for community and emergency services expansion, \$24.5 million.

Analytic Reports

- *Nutritional Assessment:* conducted by CARE/Johns Hopkins University, issued December 2002.
- *Psychosocial Assessment:* conducted by Save the Children Federation/US, report forthcoming.
- *Food Security and Nutrition Assessment:* conducted by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), WFP, and CARE International, in progress. Jointly funded with the European Commission.